GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CENTRES FOR MUSIC AND DANCE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government lends support for the establishment of Naitonal Centre for Specialised Training in Music and Dance;

(b) if, so, the details and the purpose therefore;

(c) whether there is a long pending demand from Dakshin Kannada for the establishment of a Central Training Institute for Folk Arts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURSIM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) & (b): The effort of the Department in these areas is facilitative, achieved in termsof its schemes which offer assistance to the existing NGOs for eligible projects/activities.However, the Sangeet Natak Akademi has informed that it implements a plan scheme `Establishment of National Centres for Specialised Training in Music and Dance`.The purpose of the scheme is to support the existing training centres of artistic traditions that appear to be threatened. Presently, under the Scheme, the Akademi is lending support to Kutiyattam, Chhau dances of Seraikella, Mayurbhanj and Purulia and the Sattriya Dance of Assam.

[c] No such proposal is under the consideration of Department of Culture.

(d) Does not arise.